

The Orca Pod



Reading just got wild! 



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BEFORE YOU START...

The child reads the big, bold type. This contains the most common words, words that can be decoded or words containing the sound being learnt.



The text in the corner is just for the adult or reading partner. This is to develop the child's vocabulary and promote discussion.

or

Say "or" (as in "orca").

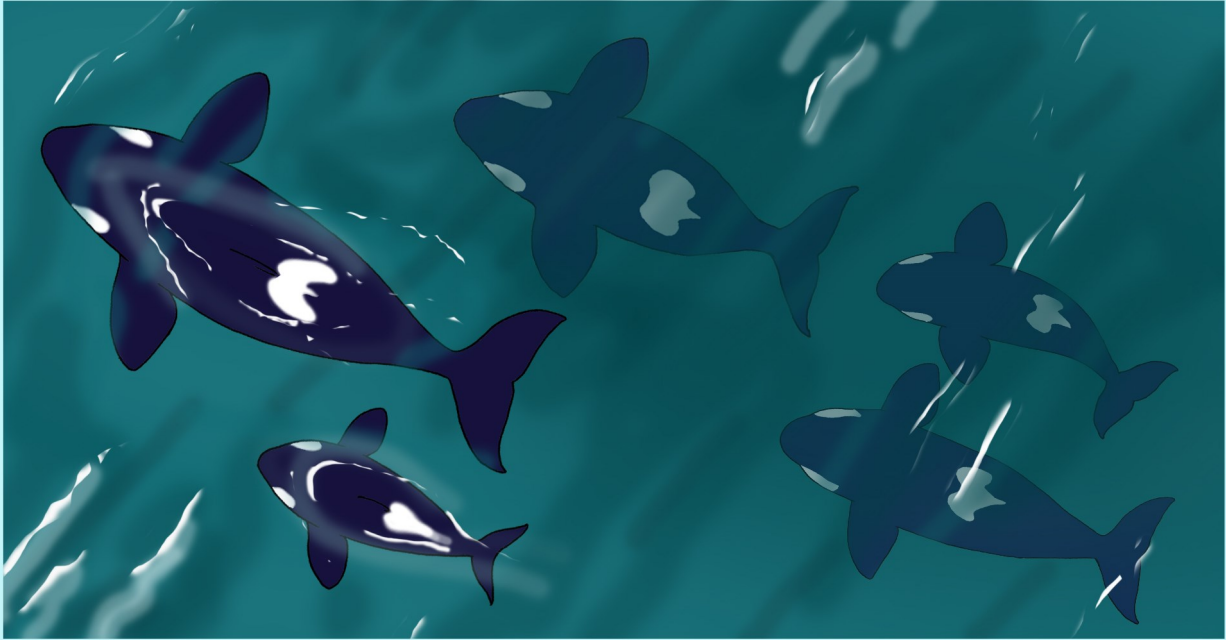
Say it **quiet**, say it **loud** and say it **silly**! Trace the letters with your finger... **Let's go!**

*Orca are the largest of the dolphin family.
They're mammals, not fish, so they need to
breathe air.*



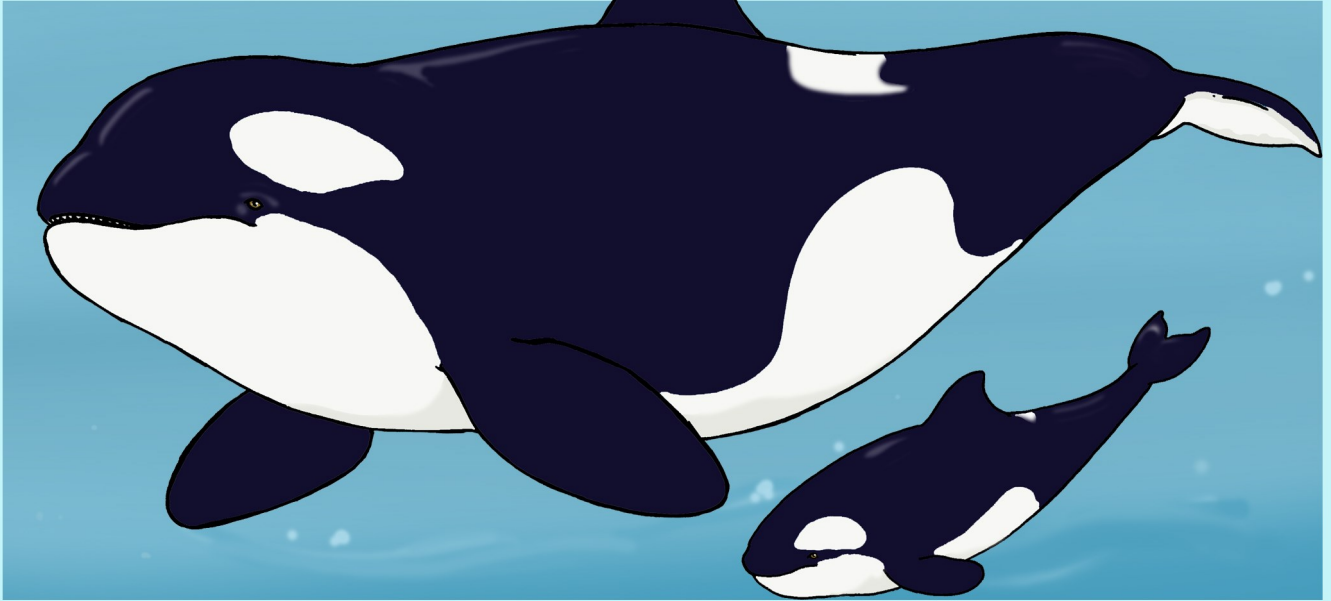
Look at the orca.

*Orca live in family groups called pods.
They stay together for many years.*



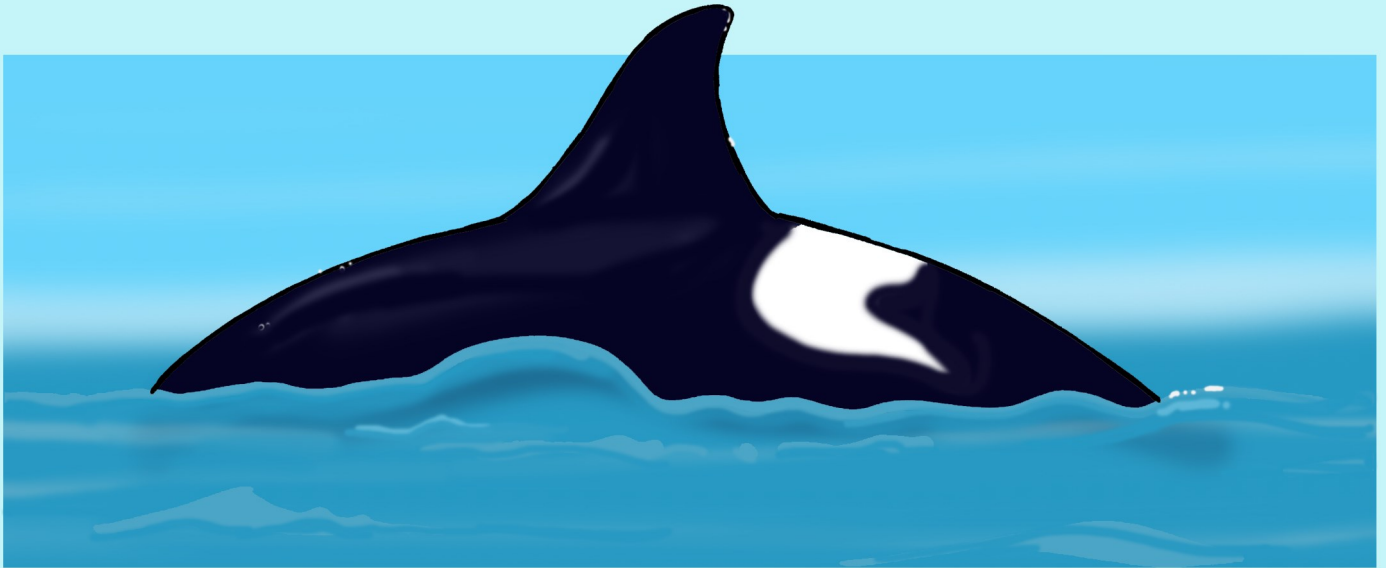
Orca form pods.

*Female orca give birth to
young called calves.*



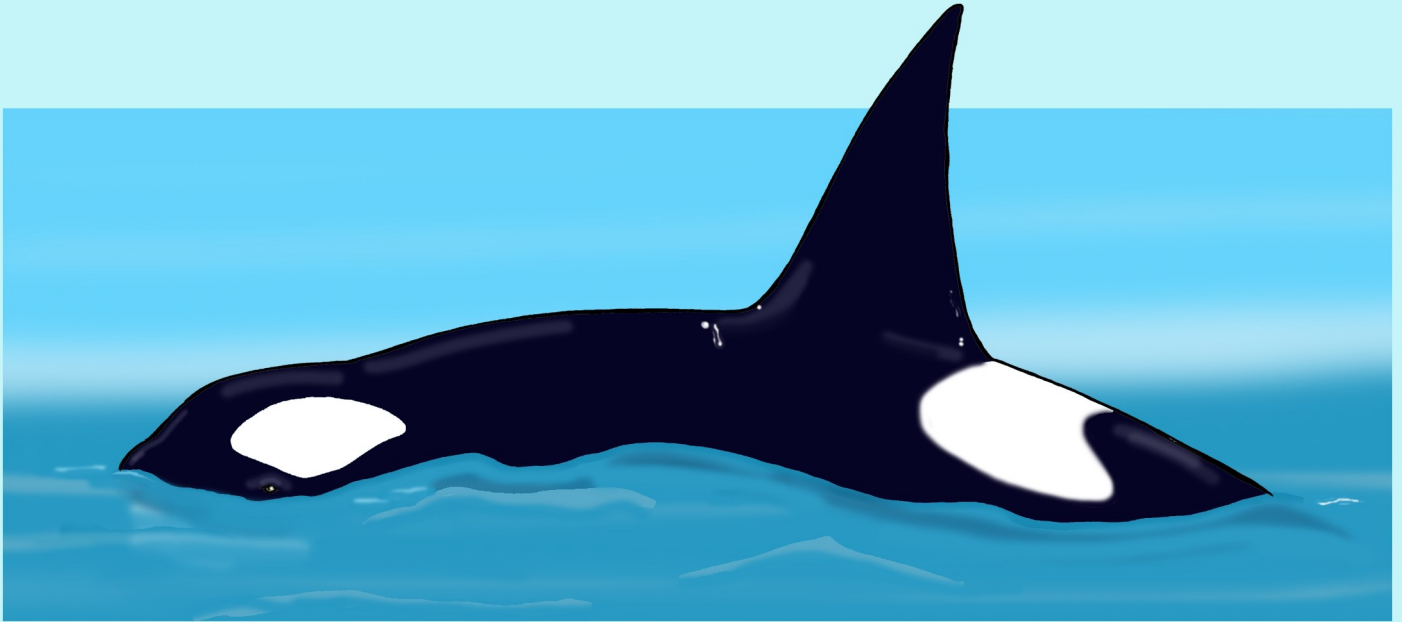
This orca was just born.

The shape of adult dorsal fin can indicate if an orca is male or female. The female has a shorter, more curved fin.



Mum's dorsal fin is short.

*The triangular dorsal fins of male
orca can reach 2 metres high!*



Dad's dorsal fin is big.

Orca use different methods to hunt various prey. They approach a stingray with great care!



Orca hunt on the sandy floor.

*Orca spy-hop to look for signs
of prey above the water.*



This orca forms a plan.

*Scientists record orca to see
how they communicate
and locate food.*



We can record the orca.

Orcas are powerful swimmers and are found in some of the roughest seas.



A storm forms on top of the orca.

*Leaping clear of the water is fun. It also
shows others how fit the animal is.*



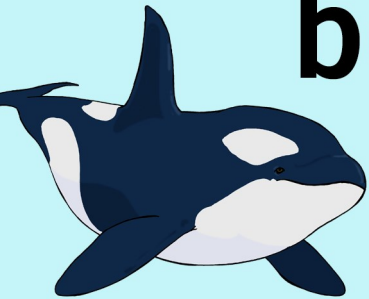
An orca jumps for sport.

or storm ford

lord port orca

for sport form

born torn cork



FAST FINGER FINDER CHALLENGE!

How many randomly selected words can you find in 30 seconds?

TRY TO BEAT YOUR SCORE!



THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE PRINTED/ COPIED FOR USE IN SCHOOL OR HOME

Please use the most appropriate of the differentiated tasks as to suit the learner.

for

cord

corn

torn

sport

storm

short

record

torch

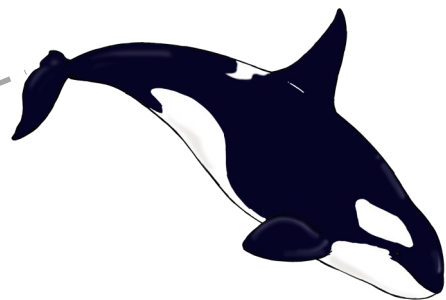
scorch

or	1st try	2nd try	3rd try
for			
horn			
fort			
cork			
form			
born			
short			
storm			
porch			
record			

HANDWRITING



Swim along
with the orca...



Would you swim with an orca?

Trace the words, then transfer them on to the line.



or

for

orca



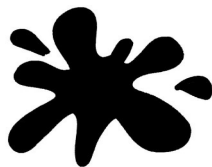
WRITING



Can you use this word bank to create some sentences about orca?



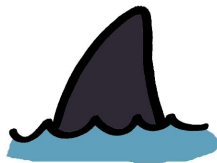
spy-hop



black



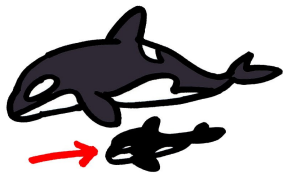
white



dorsal fin



ocean



calf



leap



breathe



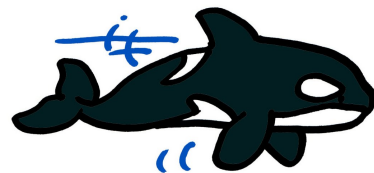
predator

I did not like the big _____.



He was just _____ today.

The _____ swam fast on a hunt.



Tennis is a fun _____.

My _____ lit up the _____.



orca

born

torch

sport

floor

storm



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